

# The Transfiguration of the Lord on the Mount Tabor & its spiritual meaning

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## Matthew 17:

And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,

<sup>2</sup> And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

<sup>3</sup> And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.

<sup>4</sup> Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

<sup>5</sup> While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, **This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.**

<sup>6</sup> And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.

<sup>7</sup> And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid.

<sup>8</sup> And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only.

<sup>9</sup> And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.

## 29. GLORIFICATION OF THE LORD ON THE MOUNT TABOR

[1] On the sixth, but actually on the seventh day I said to the disciples: “We have now worked honestly for six days and have reaped a good harvest even in this desert. But now it is time to move on again; for in other places there is still a number of fields and deserts lying fallow which we will cultivate, bless and make fruitful.

[2] But before we move on from here, you few should stay here a time until I and Peter, John and James return to you from this high mountain, at the foot of which we are now standing, and which I will climb now with these three!

[3] But those who were to remain asked Me why they were not allowed to also climb the mountain.

[4] And I said: “Because I wish it to be so!”

[5] Then they became silent and no one dared to ask Me about anything further.

[6] Only Aziona commented quietly to himself: “The highest mountain is that one just before us, but it is immensely difficult to climb because of its steep rock faces”

[7] I said: “Believe Me that no mountain is too steep for Me, and none is too high! In a few hours we will come back again and so keep a midday meal ready!”

[8] At this I took the three mentioned disciples with Me and we set off on our way. On one side the mountain was easy to climb, and we reached the highest peak in a few hours; but the mountain could only be climbed by usual mountain climbers in twelve or thirteen hours because of its height, and thus this climb of ours was a sort of miracle.

[9] Now we were on the highest summit, from which one can see almost all of Galilee, Judaea and Palestine, also a part of the real, great sea. **When the three disciples, in rapture over the most glorious view, became downright transfigured, thanking Me from the bottom of their hearts for the immense pleasure, I also was transfigured, so much so that My face shone like the sun and My garments turned white, like fresh snow lit up by the sun.** And the three disciples were full of amazement so that they could hardly speak.

[10] After a while Peter gathered himself first and said : “Lord, are we now in heaven or simply only in paradise? It seems to me as if I can hear very quiet whispering angel voices around me!”

[11] I said: “Neither in heaven nor in paradise *in specie* (specifically), but instead quite simply and naturally on the Earth! **But in that we have both heaven as well as paradise in us through the power of the word of God, inasmuch as it includes what is true and good, we are indeed also in heaven and at the same time in paradise. This is exactly what transfigures your heart, and while you were transfigured in your heart before Me I also became transfigured externally before your eyes so that you might become aware of being at the same time in paradise and in heaven, since your heart is full of the true of faith and, issuing from this, the goodness of love. For, what true heaven and true paradise mean is that you believe in Me and do what I teach you and, finally, that you love Me truly with all your heart, thereby carrying the true Kingdom of God within you, which is nowhere else to be found. Once you have it within, it is also present throughout all infinity, and no matter where you may be, either here on this earth or on the moon or on one of the many stars, which are nothing but celestial globes, you are surrounded by your blissful brothers, although you are not able to see them with your physical eyes on account of your body.**” (The Great Gospel of John Book 13)

### 30. THE LORD SPEAKS WITH MOSES AND ELIJAH

[1] Said Peter: “Lord, I believe it says somewhere in Scripture: **‘The souls of the dead will rest in the bowels of the earth till doomsday, when they will be called forth from their long sleep by the mighty trumpets of the angels. Then the righteous will rise to life eternal in the Kingdom of God, but the wicked will be cast forever into hell and will henceforth be tormented by the devils.’**”

[2] I said: “I have already explained to you how the speech of the prophets is too be understood and all the same things so many times that it would now be extremely superfluous to give you any further explanations. But in order to heal you actually from your highly false opinion, **I will now open your inner eye of the soul and you will then see yourself how this rest of the souls of long deceased fathers looks like and what sort of face the bosom of the Earth has!**”

[3] At this I said loudly: “Epheta!” That means: Open up!

[4] And behold, two prophets appeared, Moses and Elijah, and spoke clearly to Me about what would happen to Me in a few years, and whether such a thing could not be changed. But I insisted to them that I could not possibly do anything other than only what the Father, who is in Me and lives in Me, wants.

[5] Then both the prophets bowed deeply and said as if with one voice: “Oh Lord, Your will is alone holy and may it happen always and eternally as with us in heaven, so also among all people and spirits on Earth! We both were in our earthly lifetimes great and respected for Your name’s sake; yet we wanted rather now to be with You on Earth, like these three and the others also who are not here, although they now and for a long time will be despised and persecuted for Your name’s sake!”

[6] I said to Elijah: **“You were also with Me on the Earth recently – did Herod’s work on your flesh please you?”**

[7] Elijah said: “Not on Earth, but it pleased me all the more so here, and I would like despite all the great blessing that is now mine for eternity to walk the path of the flesh another hundred times for Your sake, no matter how miserable and thorny it is.”

[8] At this point, the disciples were overcome by sleep, so much so that they sank to the ground and were temporarily fast asleep.

[9] But I spoke with the two prophets and said to Elijah: **“At the end of times of this Earth you will indeed be sent once again in the flesh to the people of this Earth, but no longer with a veiled inner spiritual vision, but unveiled and even brighter than on the two previous occasions when you came under the name ‘Sehel’ and later ‘Elijah’, and the brother Moisez (Moses) will lead you, but purely in spirit; for his flesh will remain until the end of time the property of the Earth.**

[10] But then all flesh of this Earth will be transformed into the spiritual; you will however never need it as I gave you a new body for eternity anyway. **Watch well over the children of Israel until I return soon when My greatest work will have been completed!**<sup>i</sup> Then I will also give you a firm chair in My new kingdom. For behold, the time is now here that I once showed you on Earth, when I will create everything anew: first My spiritual worlds, and later the same thing will happen to matter, until it has reached the correct level of full purification! But now let us wake the three again from their sleep!” (The Great Gospel of John Book 13)



### 31. THE THREE DISCIPLES SPEAK WITH THE SPIRITS OF MOSES AND ELIJAH

[1] At this the three became awake again, rose from the ground and beheld Me, Moses and Elijah, without the shining light. This was very pleasant for them, since they had been extremely powerfully blinded by the previous too strong light. They told how they had spoken with many prophets from ancient times about all the states of the future life, just as if being and acting on Earth, and many secret matters had been explained to them.

[2] Moses and Elijah however taught them further about the numerous states of the great beyond.

[3] Then the three became so delighted and happy that Peter called out loudly to Me: **“Lord, it is good for us to be here! If You wish, I will make three shelters here, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah!”**

[4] And while he was still speaking about the building of the shelters, a thick, bright cloud suddenly overshadowed them, so that they could not see or make out anything for a moment.

[5] And behold, a Voice spoke from the cloud: **“Behold, this is My beloved Son, on whom My favor rests – you should listen to Him.”**

[6] The three heard this like the powerful roll of great thunder, and were terrified and fell on their faces.

[7] But I immediately came to them, touched them and said to them: “Stand up, and do not be afraid!”

[8] As they lifted up their eyes from the ground, they saw no one but Me alone and began to wonder greatly at everything that they had seen and that had happened. But the three now wanted to ask Me about some other things, and namely about the meaning of everything that they had seen in their dream.

[9] But I said: **“All that will be revealed to you by your spirit – which is actually My spirit within you – in your soul, so that it will be fully alive within you; for if I explain it to you now, you will accept the explained facts in your knowledge and then believe that it is so because I have explained it to you so. But then you are not in the full truth by a long shot, and that is because what is explained is not your possession, but instead only His who has explained it to you out of His living treasure; but when your spirit reveals it in your soul, then the revelation is your possession and you are then in the full truth.**

[10] **But the spirit, which I call your spirit, is really My spirit in you all and knows about all things and conditions just like I Myself. It can lead you into all wisdom.** But now it is not yet awake in you and effective, that means that it is indeed in itself awake and effective, but its awareness and effect is still something foreign to you and not your belonging, because your soul is not yet pure enough to fully become one with My spirit.

[11] **But when I shall have ascended up into My heavens after the suffering that I have already told you about, then I will pour out the holy spirit of all truth over your souls and unite it with them. This spirit, which then will be fully one with you for eternity, will also then lead you in all truth and wisdom.**

[12] But before My ascension that I told you about do not tell anyone about what you saw here, just as nothing about what I did at Caesarea Philippi and down here with the fishermen! And now let us head down again from the mountain to the village of our fishermen!”

[13] And we set off on the way back, and on the way I also warned the three not to tell even the other brothers anything about what they had seen until the designated time, that is, until after My rising and ascension. (The Great Gospel of John Book 13)

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(Matt 17:108; Mark 9:2-13; Luke 9:28-36)

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[1] My glorification on mount Tabor are read by many with awe, but extremely few understand and disconcertingly many don't have the vaguest idea of what is behind this glorification !

[2] The cause of such senselessness lies as always in the world with its divided Trinity teaching. For **who does not fully believe that the only Son, who is completely one with the Father and is in Him as He is in the Father, just like the spirit in man and man in the spirit – permeating the whole man, being the actual man, he is divided in his being and is like murky water through which no light beam can permeate to enlighten the depths thereof.**

[3] The transfiguration, however, contains a very strongly hidden light or a very strongly veiled spiritual meaning, which is why it is understood correctly by the fewest scribes of this time as well as of all earlier times.

[4] For you not to be like the murky water of this world, which can only be enlightened on the surface and thus also shine like a gilded grave, hosting nothing but night and death, I want to give you shortly a little light on the above mentioned glorification, letting you see clearly what is behind it. Now listen:

[5] **The mountain Tabor symbolizes the highest and simultaneously the deepest knowledge of God in spirit and in truth. On this mountain of highest knowledge I bring only My beloved ones ! Peter, James and John were this in fullness. These three also represents every human, as he should be in true heavenly order.** (Matt 17:1; Mark 9:2; Luke 9:28)

[6] Peter is the outer man, yet he completely directed his being inwards, through manifold tribulations. James represents the soul of man, being pure and turning everything towards the Lord, yet have to endure much tribulations together with the outer man in order to completely convince the outer man to, united in the spirit, become immortal. John represents the spirit of man, being completely one with Me, thus My Love – the disciple of whom I told Peter – 'He lives' ! Which means: only the spirit lives and him who does not let him be chased, caught and permeated by his spirit, will have no life; for I said that it is only the spirit that lives forever !

[7] All this means that, as I lead these three on the mountain, I will, for every person who will maintain My given order in his threefold being, guide him [/her] on the mountain of true, living recognition of God, where he will exclaim with the feeling of his whole being: "Lord ! It is good to be here, allow me to build an eternal dwelling, consisting of the three huts of love, wisdom and the power of both !" (Matt 17:4; Mark 9:5; Luke 9:33)

[8] Yet, it cannot remain at this acknowledgment, as long as those three huts and I, Moses and Elijah did not become wholly one in man – or, as long as the love, wisdom and power was not yet as if one, have not yet been taken as if in one, and not in three huts. For that reason the voice was heard from a cloud, which is an image of the highest heavenly recognition: "This alone is My beloved Son, you have to listen to Him alone !" Which means: He alone is your God; not in three, but in Him alone you need to abide if you want eternal life ! (Matt 17:4,5; Mark 9:5-7; Luke 9:33,34)

[9] Only after the powerful permeation of the power of God the three awake and obviously do not see Moses and Elijah and hear no other voices any more, except Me and My word, which forbids them to tell the world of such an acknowledgment afore everything was not finished – in a narrower sense: **not before I have already in every person's heart, after many tests and trials of his soul, arose in all might and power of the love and wisdom. In the broader sense – not until the world have crucified and killed man and the spirit got up in man and man therefore became a new creation according**

**to the order shown by Peter, James and John – not until then, can man be guided to the mountain of the deepest and highest acknowledgment of God and the eternal life. (Matt 17:7; Mark 9:8; Luke 9:36)**

[10] This is the holy meaning of My – up until now – secretive glorification on mount Tabor. Of course there is also a much broader meaning, where by Moses and Elijah and especially by Me through the voice in the cloud as well as the three disciples, was shown main guidance and developmental phases.

**This knowledge does not give life to anyone though, even less the infinite concepts of time, space, eternity, infinity, light, spirit and existence.**

[11] **Above all, search for Me, My kingdom and My righteousness, which is the love, then everything else will be freely given unto you (Matt 6:33). But if you search only for wisdom and her power, then it will be with you like with him that buried his talent and which had it also taken from him what he had – and his share was the darkness ! Consider this very deeply, if you want part in the glorification ! Amen. (Gifts of Heaven vol. 3, chap. 423)**

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<sup>i</sup> **7** And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,<sup>8</sup> And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. (Rev 12:7-9)

<sup>21</sup> But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince. (Daniel 10)

**12** And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. <sup>2</sup> And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.<sup>3</sup> And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. (Daniel 12)